

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 to 11, 15, 16, 18, 19 to 23, 26, 27 and 29 to 33 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 12 and 23 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 6, 17 and 28 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 9 to 12, 15, 16, 20 to 23, 26, 27 and 31 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,181,445 (Lin) in view of U.S. 6,728,401 (Hardeberg) and further in view of U.S. 2004/0174389 (Ben-David). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 12, and 23 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 6, 17 and 28. In addition, Claims 6, 17 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and the dependency of the remaining claims have been adjusted to account for the cancelled claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

No claim fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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